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CHINESE TOYS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian markets are flooded with Chinese toys ;

(b) if so, the total loss of foreign exchange incurred during the last three years, year-wise on purchase of the Chinese toys;

(c) whether the quality inspectors have discovered that some toys made in China contained industrial waste and even gauge discarded by Hospitals causing allergy among children; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to stop the influx of such dangerous toys which are hazardous for the health of children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b): According to the data of import maintained by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, import of toys, games and sports requisites; part and accessories thereof in 2005-06 was Rs.505.63 crores, of which imports worth Rs. 272.87 crores came from China. Compared to this, the size of the Indian toy industry was estimated to be about Rs. 2500 crores in 2005-06.

(c)&(d) : No specific complaint concerning import of toys from China has been received from toy manufacturers.While import of toys in India is not subject to mandatory quality testing, the Government is committed to prevent influx of hazardous and dangerous toys in the Indian market.